

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Image Processor and Method of Processing Images

An image processor is arranged in operation to generate an interpolated video
5 signal from a received video signal representative of an image. The image processor
comprises an adaptable register store coupled to a control processor which is operable
to receive the video signal and to provide pixels of the received video signal, under
control of the control processor, to an interpolator, the interpolator being coupled to
the adaptable register store and is arranged in operation to generate the interpolated
10 video signal by interpolating the pixels provided by the adaptable register store. The
control processor controls in operation the adaptable register store to provide pixels to
the interpolator to interpolate parts of the image in both vertical and horizontal
directions. Performing diagonal interpolation can substantially reduce ringing effects
and resolution loss on diagonal edges of an image. In order to interpolate a part or all
15 of the image in both the vertical and horizontal directions, the adaptable shift register
may have a plurality of register elements, selected register elements being connected to
the interpolator to provide the pixels of the received video signal for interpolation,
each of the register elements being arranged to store a pixel of the received video
signal and each being connected to a plurality of other register elements and
20 configurable under control of the control processor to feed the pixel stored in the
register element to one or other of the other shift registers in dependence upon a
temporal reference.

[Fig 10]

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